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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2009.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 8-11 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 8-11 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landgraf (US 4322665) in view of Pengov (US 6046568) and further in view of Masumoto et al (US 6858964).

2. Regarding claim 8,Landgraf teaches:

A single-phase motor comprising (abstract):

a stator including a stator iron core formed by laminating a plurality of electromagnetic steel sheets and provided with a slot between each of a plurality of stator teeth (Col 3 II 46-50 and Fig 2), and

single-phase two-pole distributed windings composed of a main winding and an auxiliary winding contained in the slot (abstract and Col 3 II 57-65);

a rotor placed through a gap on an inner circumference of the stator (Col 3 II 46-57), and

a plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches having an approximately same width as the stator teeth and each provided at an outer side of each of the plurality of stator teeth on an outer circumference of the stator iron core (re-illustration below of Fig 2,5, dotted lines appears to teach a plurality of semicircular notches, however perhaps not inherently uniformly distributed or evenly spaced).

Landgraf does not literally teach that that there are "a plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches having an approximately same width as the stator teeth and each provided at an outer side of each of the plurality of stator teeth on an outer circumference of the stator iron core wherein the number of semicircular notches corresponds to the number of stator teeth".

Pengov teaches the use of "a plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches (Fig 3 in close proximity to element 12) and each provided at an outer side of each of the plurality of stator teeth (Fig 3,18A-H) on an outer circumference of the stator iron core (Fig 3,12)".

Pengov does not teach the notches "having an approximately same width as the stator teeth".

Masumoto et al teaches a stator core (Fig 4,7) with notches (Fig 4,11) "having an approximately same width (Fig 4,T) as the stator teeth (Fig 4,3f)".

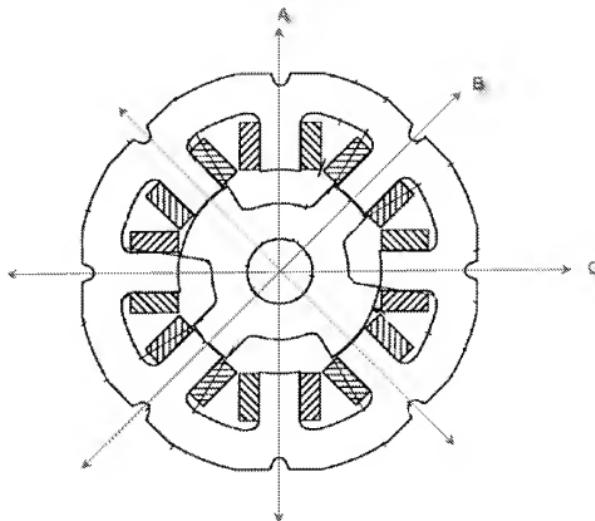
It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Landgraf with the teachings of Pengov and Masumoto et al to make a stator core having "a plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches having an approximately same width as the stator teeth and each provided at an outer side of each of the plurality of stator teeth on an outer circumference of the stator iron core wherein the number of semicircular notches corresponds to the number of stator teeth". The motivation to do so would be that it would provide a motor having improved torque, reduced torque ripple (Col 4 ll 54-63 of

Pengov) and improve efficiency, reduce vibrations or noise of the motor (Col 3 II 46-47, Col 8 III 66-67, Col 9 II 1-5 of Masumoto et al).

3. Regarding claim 9, Landgraf (Col 5 line 20 and Col 6 II 42-45) teaches a hermetic compressor comprising the single-phase motor of claim 8.

4. Regarding claim 10, Landgraf does not teach that each semicircular notch is aligned with a respective stator tooth so that their centers are substantially located on the same radial axis. Pengov teaches that each semicircular notch (Fig 3) is aligned with a respective stator tooth (Fig 4,18A-H also) so that their centers are substantially located on the same radial axis (re-illustration of Fig 4,labels A-C below). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Landgraf with the teachings of Pengov to make each semicircular notch is aligned with a respective stator tooth so that their centers are substantially located on the same radial axis. The motivation to do so would be that it would provide a motor having improved torque, reduced torque ripple (Col 4 II 54-63 of Pengov).

FIG. 4
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5. Regarding claim 11, Landgraf does not teach that in the assembled state of the single phase motor, each of the plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches form a flow passage. Masumoto et al (Col 11 ll 18-20) teaches that in the assembled state of the single phase motor, each of the plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches form a flow passage. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Landgraf with the teachings

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of Masumoto et al to make an apparatus wherein the assembled state of the single phase motor, each of the plurality of evenly spaced semicircular notches form a flow passage. The motivation to do so would be that it would ease assemblage of the motor, provide a passage for cooling gas or lubricating oil (Col 11 ll 10-23 of Masumoto et al).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, filed 12/28/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 8-11 under USC 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Pengov (US 6046568) and further in view of Masumoto et al (US 6858964)

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 for details.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NAISHADH N. DESAI whose telephone number is (571)270-3038. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Quyen Leung can be reached on (571) 272-8188. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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